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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] the Pionier Kaserne, Brandenburg, was occupied by about 100 to 150 troops. Except for a rear detail, the installation was vacated [redacted] only small groups of 4 or 5 soldiers were seen going to, or coming from, the quarters. Source did not observe any sentries.

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2. [redacted] the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by about 850 to 900 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] training activity in the barracks area. Groups of 8 to 12 soldiers, carrying arms, spades and targets, were occasionally seen leaving the installation toward Goerden, returning before dark. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] the Flak Kaserne was occupied below capacity by about 400 to 450 troops. [redacted] the installation had been vacated by major troop elements. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The 100-mm AT guns previously observed in the barracks yard were no longer there [redacted] Only little activity was observed after [redacted] Groups of up to 30 soldiers were daily seen receiving basic training. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied as previously by about 900 to 950 troops. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. [redacted] 200 troops received instruction on carbines in the barracks area. [redacted]

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5. [ ] the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied. Sentries observed there were red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [ ] 203-mm and 122-mm howitzers in the barracks area. [ ] 100 troops, presumably recruits, including 60 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 40 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen entering the installation. On [ ] each occupied by 3 officers and 22 EM, all without arms, left the installation. [ ] troops stationed in the buildings on Magdeburger Strasse moved to the rear section of the installation. [ ] the buildings immediately on the street were being vacated. [ ] intensive activity and heavy vehicular traffic were observed in the barracks area. [ ]

and 26 soldiers on foot left the installation toward the rolling mill.

6. [ ] 12 AT guns, 12 caterpillar tractors, [ ] 7 trucks, which, [ ] were field offices, 6 field kitchens, about 40 officers and 200 to 250 EM, which had come from the Flak Kaserne, were entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. [ ] were identified. [ ] two apartment houses on Fouque Strasse which had been occupied by officers from the Flak Kaserne were being vacated, with the entire equipment being trucked to the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station for entraining with the abovementioned shipment. [ ]
7. [ ] an empty train of 27 boxcars and flatcars was seen at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. Troops and materiel from the Flak Kaserne, which were entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station [ ] and left toward the Brandenburg main station, included: [ ] 33 or 34 trucks [ ] boxes, billeting equipment and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on about 18 flatcars and an undetermined number of boxcars; [ ] and [ ] 13 half-track vehicles, 9 x 100-mm AT guns, 4 AT guns which, [ ] were 45-mm guns, 4 tank trucks [ ] 4 tank trailers, [ ] ambulance [ ] 10 field kitchens, 2 sedans, boxes, billeting equipment, baggage and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia on about 23 flatcars and 29 boxcars.

8. [ ] troops and materiel loaded on at least 10 flatcars and 10 boxcars at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station included 3 armored half-track [ ] 3 x 100-mm AT guns, boxes, billeting equipment and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and coming from the Flak Kaserne. [ ] a shipment of 18 flatcars and about 7 boxcars carrying 3 tanks or SP guns, [ ] boxes, billeting equipment and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was being assembled on the sidings north of Magdeburger Strasse, near the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station.

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9. [ ] no troop trains were loaded and unloaded at, or passed through, the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station.

10. [ ] 2 buildings and the east side of the third building of the Flak Kaserne were fully lighted. [ ]

[ ] 10 officers and 100 to 120 troops practiced marching in review on the street in front of the vehicle sheds in the barracks area. [ ] coal was daily hauled to the Flak Kaserne from the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station by [ ]

11. [ ] neither loadings nor unloadings were observed at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station.<sup>1</sup>

12. [ ] had been erected in Japan (forest section) No 9 had been connected with the local lighting system. The area was being surrounded by a wire fence and light poles were being erected around the installation.<sup>2</sup>

1. [ ] Comment. The information again confirms the known loadings of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div and the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) which [ ] involved mainly the heavy elements of the brigade. [ ] The information on the occupation of the Flak Kaserne and the Pioneer Kaserne in [ ] correspond with the departure of the abovementioned units, whereas the Infanterie Kaserne and the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne can be carried occupied as previously by the 299th Gds Mort Regt and the 359th Gds AAA Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div and the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US). [ ]

2. [ ] Comment. Compare with previous information. [ ]

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